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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicant agrees that all claims are allowable. The statement of Reasons for Allowance states that “[a]pplicant's invention stores parental control information on a local computer. A server monitors the local computer for unauthorized changes made by an unauthorized user. The server resets any changes deemed unauthorized on the computer and contacts the owner notifying them that unauthorized changes were detected. Parental controls are present on the market, but a system which detects changes in parental settings and reverts them back to a prior parental setting based upon detection by a server of changes is distinguished over the prior art.”

For purposes of clarity, however, Applicant notes that at least independent claim 1 recites “storing parental control information on a user device;

receiving a request from the user device to access a destination over a communications network; using the parental control information stored on the user device to determine whether to grant the request from the user device;

allowing the user device access to the destination when the parental control information indicates that the request should be allowed; denying the user device access to the destination when the parental control information indicates that the request should be denied;

storing on a remote device information that is related to the parental control information stored on the user device; using the information stored on the remote device to determine

whether the parental control information stored on the user device has been altered without authorization of a master account holder for the user device; and

if the parental control information stored on the user device has been altered without authorization of the master account holder for the user device:

replacing the altered version of the parental control information stored on the user device with an unaltered version of the parental control information, and

sending a message to the master account holder for the user device, the message indicating that the parental controls stored on the user device have been altered without authorization of the master account holder for the user device.”

Further, Applicant agrees that the limitations recited in the examiner's Reasons for Allowance are not taught or suggested by the art of record, and that the relevant independent claims are distinguished from the cited prior art for at least the reasons stated in the Reasons for Allowance, which are sufficient for allowance of those claims. Applicant does not concede that the stated reasons are the only grounds for patentability of the allowed claims, that the limitations excluded from the Reasons for Allowance are taught or suggested by the art of record, or that all of the limitations are necessary for patentability of the allowed claims or other claims directed to the disclosed subject matter.

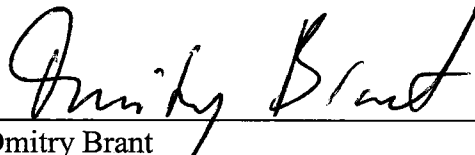
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